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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN QUOTED AS DENYING ANGOLA THREAT

TO BRAZIL; "SPECIALISTS" SAY MOYNIHAN RIGHT, MINISTRY ERRED

REF: BRASILIA 10778

1. AMID SUBSTANTIAL COVERAGE GIVEN IN BRAZILIAN PRESS DECEMBER

17 TO CONFIRMATION IN PRESIDENT FORD'S NAME OF AMBASSADOR

MOYNIHAN'S REMARK ON ANGOLAN THREAT TO BRAZIL, JORNAL FO

BRASIL HAD FOLLOWING QUOTE, ATTRIBUTED TO FOREIGN

MINISTRY SPOKESMAN ACCOMPANYING MINISTER SILVEIRA IN PARIS:

"IF BRAZIL CONSIDERED THAT THE EVOLUTION OF THE SITUATION IN  
ANGOLA CONSTITUTED A DANGER FOR THE SITUATION OF OUR COUNTRY,  
IT WOULD HAVE CLOSED ITS DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN ANGOLA. I DO  
NOT SEE WHERE THE THREAT CAN BE."

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2. ACCORDING TO FOLHA DE SAO PAULO, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS IN BRASILIA AVOIDED FORMAL COMMENT WITH EXCUSE THAT MOYNIHAN TEXT NOT RECEIVED BUT INDICATED THAT FACT OF RECOGNITION OF "GOVERNMENT INSTALLED IN LUANDA, CURRENTLY COMMANDED BY THE MPLA, DEMONSTRATES THAT THE COUNTRY DOES NOT FIND IN ANGOLA ANY THREAT TO ITS NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY." SOURCES WERE ALSO CITED AS SUGGESTING THAT REAL THREAT WAS TO SEA LANES USED BY US NAVY ENROUTE TO "MILITARY BASES WHICH THE US MAINTAINS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN."

3. ESTADO DE SAO PAULO, ON OTHERHAND, QUOTED "DIPLOMATIC SPECIALISTS" IN BRASILIA AS COMMENTING THAT MOYNIHAN STATEMENT TOUCHES ON "BASIC ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM FOR BRAZIL," AND AS EMPHASIZING ITS ACCURACY. FOLLOWING THROUGH ON ITS PREVIOUS APPEAL TO BRAZILIAN MILITARY, PAPER ALSO SAID "THE ANALYSTS UNDERSTAND THAT THE OPINION OF MOYNIHAN HAS THE EFFECT OF 'A REAL ALERT' TO BRAZIL, IN AN ASPECT OF THE ANGOLA PROBLEM WHICH IS CERTAINLY THE MOST SENSITIVE FOR POWERFUL FORCES WITH DECISIVE INFLUENCE IN NATIONAL POWER." SPECIALISTS WERE ALSO QUOTED AS DECLARING RECOGNITION PUT BRAZIL ON WRONG SIDE OF EAST-WEST CONFLICT, OBLIGING IT TO REMAIN SILENT IN FACE OF CRITICISMS OF COMMUNIST ADVANCE, AND AS CONCLUDING THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN ANGOLAN CASE SHOW "WITH INCREASING CLARITY THE ERROR OF THE ATTITUDE" TAKEN BY FOREIGN MINISTRY.  
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